

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA**

In re: GUIDANT CORP.
IMPLANTABLE DEFIBRILLATORS
PRODUCTS LIABILITY LITIGATION

MDL Case No. 05-1708 (DWF/AJB)

This Document Relates to All Actions

PRETRIAL ORDER NO. 16

ESTABLISHING PROTOCOL FOR THE FILING OF ALL MOTIONS

1. Any motion or other request for a ruling from the Court must be filed electronically as a motion on CM/ECF.
2. Any opposition to a motion or any reply must be electronically tied to a motion on CM/ECF. In addition, the caption of any such document shall include a reference to the motion's exact title and/or docket number.
3. Any stipulation by the parties must be filed on CM/ECF.
4. **Two** courtesy copies of any document filed on CM/ECF shall be delivered to the Chambers of Judge Donovan W. Frank, (via U.S. Mail at 316 North Robert Street, Suite 700, St. Paul, Minnesota, 55101 or via hand-delivery to 7th Floor, 180 East Fifth Street, St. Paul, MN 55101). The courtesy copies must contain a reference to the docket number of each particular document.
5. Proposed orders shall be emailed to frank_chambers@mnd.uscourts.gov. All proposed orders shall be **unsigned** and must not be filed as any attachment or separate document on CM/ECF. The subject line on the

email message will contain an explicit reference to the Guidant MDL and to the motion or other matter to which the proposed order pertains.

6. Other than proposed orders and agendas, no other documents shall be emailed to the chambers' email addresses.

7. The parties are expected to be familiar with the Local Rules for the District of Minnesota and the Electronic Case Filing Procedures for the District of Minnesota. Unless the Court has approved other briefing schedules or as otherwise noted, all filings must be made pursuant to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the Local Rules for the District of Minnesota, and the Electronic Case Filing Procedures for the District of Minnesota.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: August 1, 2006

s/Donovan W. Frank
DONOVAN W. FRANK
Judge of United States District Court